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## Proposed Examiner's Amendment 10/517,723

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Claim 4 (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that xenon and the medicament comprising a pharmacologically effective concentration of NO gas, NO-containing gas or gas mixture are administered simultaneously, separately or sequentially.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

*by administering a medicament to the patient wherein the medicament is inhaled by the patient during the treatment. The improvement being in that the medicament is*

Claim 6 (currently amended) In a method of treating a patient characterized in that a <sup>which</sup> xenon preparation is provided in a form of a combination medicament comprising a pharmacologically effective concentration of xenon selected from the group consisting of gaseous xenon and a xenon containing gas mixture, and a medicament that comprises a pharmacologically effective concentration of NO gas, NO-containing gas or gas mixture, administering the xenon to a patient in a subanesthetic amount wherein the gaseous xenon or the xenon containing gas mixture administered to the patient contains no more than 70% by volume of xenon and when the gaseous xenon or xenon containing gas mixture is metered into the patient's respiratory gas so that the combined gas supplied to the patient contains from 5 to 70% by volume xenon, administering the medicament that comprises an NO gas by inhalation and the combination medicament is administered to a patient for a condition selected from the group consisting of the treatment of impairments